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SUBJECT: TURKISH REACTION TO NEW U.S. POSITION ON DCA

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1. TURKISH PRESS APRIL 22 GAVE MAJOR ATTENTION TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO ENDORSE THE U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) IN PRINCIPLE (WHILE NOT CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE CONGRESSIONAL RATIFICATION) AND TO ASK CONGRESS TO APPROVE INCREASED MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY. NEARLY ALL PAPERS GAVE THE STORY FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT, WITH MOST OF THEM EMPHASIZING OR EXAGGERATING POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN THEIR HEADLINES. EXAMPLES: MILLIYET (LIBERAL REFORMIST), "CARTER ASKED FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE
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EMBARGO"; GUNAYDIN (SENSATIONALIST), "CARTER MOVED INTO ACTION FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO"; BAYRAK (ULTRA-RIGHTIST), "CARTER IS PRESSURING CONGRESS TO REMOVE THE EMBARGO"; SON HAVADIS (PRO-JUSTICE PARTY), "CARTER HAD THE ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED".

2. NEGATIVE TREATMENT WAS LIMITED TO LEFTIST PAPERS.

CUMHURİYET HEADLINED "CARTER ADMINISTRATION ASKED THAT U.S.-TURKISH MUTUAL MILITARY AID AGREEMENT NOT BE RATIFIED FOR THE PRESENT", AND FAR-LEFT VATAN HAD "POSTPONEMENT OF APPROVAL OF TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE AGREEMENT IS ASKED". FAR-LEFT POLITIKA HAD NO STORY BUT FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY PUBLISHER ISMAIL CEM CHARGES THAT STORIES ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ALLEGED LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO HAVE BEEN TRUMPED UP BY PRO-JUSTICE PARTY JOURNALISTS IN ORDER TO GIVE LIFT TO SAGGING ELECTION CHANCES OF PRİMİN DEMİREL; CEM STATES THAT IN FACT CARTER DID NOT LIFT EMBARGO AND THAT POSSIBLE LIFTING REMAINED TIED TO CYPRUS SOLUTION.

3. MOST EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE ISSUE WAS GIVEN BY MİLLİYET, WHICH DEVOTED EIGHT ARTICLES (NEARLY A FULL PAGE) TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE U.S.-TURKISH MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING VIRTUALLY ALL OF COUNSELOR NİMETZ'S APRIL 21 STATEMENT AND A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY PUBLISHER ABDİ İPEKÇİ. İPEKÇİ SAYS THAT FINAL RATIFICATION OF THE DCA AND ELIMINATION OF THE EMBARGO STILL MUST AWAIT CONGRESSIONAL DECISIONS, BUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO WAS REGARDED AS PRO-GREEK AND PRO-EMBARGO, IS NOT ACTUALLY SO, AND THAT UNLIKE PRESIDENT FORD, HE HAS A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS WHICH GIVES HIM THE POWER TO SOLVE THE MATTER WITH EASE. İPEKÇİ COMMENTS ON TIMING OF U.S. DECISION TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE DCA, NOTING THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO KEEP U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS FROM BEING UNFAVORABLY USED IN THE TURKISH ELECTION CAMPAIGN, BUT STATES THAT, IN ANY CASE, CARTER'S ATTITUDE IS A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT AND A HOPEFUL STEP TOWARDS FUTURE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

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4. COMMENTARY IN PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCÜMAN CRITICIZES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOR CONTINUING TO TIE THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO TO A CYPRUS SOLUTION. PRO-JUSTICE PARTY ADALET, CREDITS THE EVOLUTION OF THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S STAND TO PRİMİN DEMİREL'S PATIENT DIPLOMACY, WHICH FINALLY LED TO CARTER'S REALIZATION THAT "TO LEAVE TURKEY WITHOUT ARMS WOULD BE TO WEAKEN NATO AND ITS SOUTHEAST WING AND BREAK UP THE ALLIANCE."

5. PRİMİN DEMİREL IS QUOTED BY SEVERAL PAPERS AS REFUSING TO COMMENT ON THE NEW U.S. POSITION UNTIL HE HAD SEEN COMPLETE REPORTS.

6. GÜNAYDIN AND MİLLİYET BOTH NOTED INTENSE GREEK DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION STAND, AS REFLECTED IN THE GREEK AND GREEK-CYPRIOT PRESS, RESULTING FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM THE "PRO-GREEK" ATTITUDE SHOWN IN HIS CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS.

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